

House Resolution No. 1374

Whereas, it is with tremendous respect and admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse daily endeavors in order to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of such outstanding Show-Me State citizens as the Honorable James F. Karl; and

Whereas, Judge James F. Karl has served the Municipal Court of Kansas City since his initial appointment in 1971; and

Whereas, returned to the bench by area residents through eight successive retention elections, Judge Karl will bring his judicial labors to a close on April 30, 2004, after thirty-three years of service; and

Whereas, Judge Karl prepared for his duties and responsibilities with Municipal Court through his diligent studies at the Kansas City University Law School, the private practice of law, and his earlier professional efforts as City Counselor and Assistant City Attorney for Kansas City; and

Whereas, a Regent of Rockhurst University, Judge Karl has served on the Boards of Directors for Saint Teresa's Academy and Rockhurst High School, and as co-president of the University's Parents Association alongside his beloved wife, Mary Sue Karl; and

Whereas, Judge Karl served as Assistant Basketball Coach for Rockhurst University while he attended law school, an avocational pursuit which he continued during his tenure on the bench by coaching Kansas City Parochial League at Saint Francis Xavier, Visitation, and Christ the King grade schools; and

Whereas, Judge Karl also contributed his time and energy to the Marriage Preparation Program instituted by the Catholic Diocese of Kansas City, two parish-level Marriage Preparation programs, and the Board of Directors for Catholic Charities in Kansas City:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional achievements of Judge James Karl and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Judge James F. Karl, as an expression of our esteem for him and his judicial accomplishments.

Offered by _____
Representative John Burnett
District No. 40

Representative Cathy Jolly
District No. 45

Representative Daniel Bishop
District No. 38

Representative Philip Willoughby
District No. 33

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1374, adopted March 31, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker